INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/AU2004/001458

| Α. (| CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Int. Cl. ⁷ : | C01F 7/46; B01J 19/10 | ··· | ļ | | | |
| According to I | nternational Patent Classification (IPC) or to both na | tional classification and IPC | | | | |
| в. 1 | FIELDS SEARCHED | | | | | |
| Minimum docur | nentation searched (classification system followed by class C01F 7/36, 7/46; C07F 5/06; C22B 21/06, 21/0 | sification symbols) | | | | |
| Documentation | searched other than minimum documentation to the extent | that such documents are included in the fields search | ed . | | | |
| Electronic data WPAT; JAP alumin+ | base consulted during the international search (name of da IO; CAPLUS; USPTO; Espace@net; IPC above | ta base and, where practicable, search terms used) e and Keywords - Bayer, ultraso+, sound+, p | ourity, purific+, | | | |
| C. | DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | | | | |
| Category* | ategory* Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | | | | | |
| х | US 4062696 A (DUCOTE), 13 December 19' Whole document | 1-20 | | | | |
| A | CN 1072214 (UNIVERSITY OF ZHONGNA (abstract). [online] [retrieved on 2004-12-06] | 1 | | | | |
| A | US 6335396 B1 (CHEVALLIER et al), 1 Jan | 1 | | | | |
| A | WO 1989/005184 A (LAIHO K.U.), 15 June | 1989 | 1 | | | |
| <u> </u> | Further documents are listed in the continuation | of Box C X See patent family ann | ex | | | |
| * Special categories of cited documents: "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or the underlying the invention document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or not such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in document member of the same patent family | | | | | | |
| or other | r means ent published prior to the international filing date or than the priority date claimed | Contract Con | | | | |
| Date of the act | Date of mailing of the international search report | | | | | |
| 10 December | | 2 O DE | C 2004 | | | |
| 1 | iling address of the ISA/AU | Authorized officer | | | | |
| PO BOX 200, E-mail addres | N PATENT OFFICE , WODEN ACT 2606, AUSTRALIA s: pct@ipaustralia.gov.au (02) 6285 3929 | WARREN TAYLOR Telephone No : (02) 6283 2229 | | | | |

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/001458

This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | Patent Family Member | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------------------|----------|----|----------|----|---------|
| US | 4062696 | | | | | | |
| CN | 1072214 | | | | | | |
| US | 6335396 | AU | 43667/97 | AU | 78163/94 | BR | 9405616 |
| | | CA | 2150369 | CN | 1114832 | EP | 0670813 |
| | | FI | 952605 | FR | 2710629 | FR | 2723581 |
| | | US | 6169135 | wo | 9509127 | ZA | 9408071 |
| wo | 8905184 | DK | 339689 | EP | 0344262 | FI | 875330 |
| | | NO | 892705 | US | 5053141 | | |

Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

END OF ANNEX